

The Town of James Island held its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC on Thursday, December 21, 2017. The following members of Council were present: Garrett Milliken, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, Joshua P. Stokes, and Mayor Pro-Tem Leonard Blank, presided. Absent: Mayor Bill Woolsey (gave notice). Also, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Bonum S. Wilson, Town Attorney, Merrell Roe, Finance Officer, Mark Johnson, Public Works Director, Sergeant Shawn James, Island Sheriff’s Patrol, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Pro-Tem Blank called the meeting to order and led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. FOIA: This meeting was published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

Public Hearing: Ordinance #2017-11: An Ordinance to Amend the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR) §153.213 (C) Storage and Repair of Inoperable Motor Vehicles: Mayor Pro-Tem Blank opened the public hearing for comments. No one signed in to speak.

Ordinance #2017-12: An Ordinance to Amend the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR) §153.231 (A) Temporary Sales: No one signed in to speak.

Public Comment: No one signed in to speak.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes: November 16 Regular Town Council Meeting
- b. 2018 Town Council Meeting Schedule
- c. 2018 Town Council Holiday Schedule

Motion to approve the items under the consent agenda was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax and passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: The written report by Finance Officer Merrell Roe was received as information. Ms. Roe added that franchise fees were received from Comcast and Bellsouth.
- b. Administrator’s Report: The written report by Town Administrator Ashley Kellahan was received as information. Mrs. Kellahan added that the Annual Report was sent to Council. She shared accomplishments made in 2016-2017. The estimated completion date for Town Hall has been changed to April 1. Contractors had monies left over from the overflow bid and will refund \$5,000. An irrigation system will be installed at no cost. The Harbor Woods neighborhood meeting on traffic calming had a good turnout. Johnson, Laschober & Associates (JLA) is moving along with plans that will come before Council. Mrs. Kellahan reviewed departmental reports.
- c. Public Works Report: The written report by Public Works Director Mark Johnson was received as information. Mr. Johnson added that the Facilities Maintenance Technician position was offered to Douglas Sparling. Douglas will begin work on January 4. Mr. Johnson gave a brief overview of the December 6 Storm Water Managers’ meeting.

Councilman Blank requested copies of the minutes and Councilman Milliken asked what topics were discussed. Mr. Johnson briefly reported on an overview of Folly Road @ Fort Johnson and ongoing maintenance, Woodland Shores/Fleming Road/Central Park Road basin; (City is working on a survey for a drainage plan); the Honey Hill basin, were among other topics the group had discussed. Councilman Milliken asked if the James Island PSD would be pulled into discussions regarding DHEC and pollution; Mr. Johnson said DHEC is working on this.

- d. Island Sheriff's Patrol Report: Sergeant James gave an overview of the crime statistics and presented the Island Sheriff's Patrol Report.

Requests for Approval:

- Ditch Cleaning and Grading, Lynwood S/D – Southeast Pipe - \$24,000: Motion to approve made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Milliken. Mrs. Kellahan reported on a request to clean out the back ditches. Councilman Milliken asked the length of the ditches. Mrs. Kellahan said 2,000 linear feet and Mr. Johnson said the ditch runs behind several neighborhoods (Arborwood, Kingswood, and Kentwood). Members of Council expressed their gratitude to be able to help the people in these neighborhoods. Motion passed unanimously.
- Construction of Bus Shelter at Camp/Folly: Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Mrs. Kellahan reported that the bus shelter was approved by Council in the 2015 budget. This is a request for Wildwood Contractors to construct the shelter for \$31,850 (sketch provided to Council). Mrs. Kellahan said the shelter would be unique to James Island. The concrete pad (already in place) was done by Banks Construction and the Town will pay the County for that later. Councilman Milliken said he liked the idea and the design. He asked the possibility of solar panels on top to run the lights at night. This way, electricity would not be needed to run the shelter and it could be a cost saver and forward thinking for James Island. Mayor Pro-tem Blank commented on solar panel lighting systems. He said on cloudy days there would be no light and a battery backup system would be needed. He said this is something the Town could look into. Councilman Milliken suggested obtaining cost estimates and information on liability. Councilman Stokes commented on the items not included in the quote and asked if they are a part of the intersection project. Mrs. Kellahan said CARTA has the benches and she would look into the trash receptacles and the bike racks. Motion passed unanimously.
- Wildwood Contractors ROW Clearing and Vine Removal – Lighthouse Point Blvd.: Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Mrs. Kellahan reported this is a request to clear and remove vines along Lighthouse Point Boulevard. She said the area is heavily overgrown, especially near the High School and a safety concern. Mrs. Kellahan shared that a young girl's foot was run-over by a car as she walked to school; and there is not much room to walk safely. The cost is \$3,500. Motion passed unanimously.
- Emergency Repairs to Drainage Easement along 778 Folly Road: Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Mrs. Kellahan said this

is “The Break” on Folly Road and a sinkhole has developed in front of the business. Mr. Johnson said the sinkhole was discovered when the establishment took down a deck. It is unknown how long the sinkhole has been there. Mrs. Kellahan said this is in the Town’s easement and the business owners are anxious to have it repaired. Eadies Construction’s cost is \$27,341. Councilman Stokes asked and Mr. Johnson explained what the repair would entail but there are many unknowns. Both he and Mrs. Kellahan said this is good price and County would cost more because they included the rebuilding of a box. Mrs. Kellahan said we might get into the repairs and find the need to come back to Council because of the unknowns. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: No report. Mayor Pro-tem Blank said the sidewalks on Dills Bluff is near completion and look nice.

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken reported a successful Arbor Day celebration and thanked staff and Council for participating. Several trees were planted at Camp Road Middle School. A gorilla trash pickup was held on December 16 and JI Pride removed 16 bags of trash along Harbor View Road. Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pickup is scheduled for Saturday, February 3. Nominations are being accepted for the Community Hero and due by January 18.

Children’s Commission: Councilman Stokes reported on a successful Lights On and Tree Lighting programs. Both events were well attended and he thanked staff for their support in its success. Great comments were received from those who attended.

Public Safety: Councilman Mullinax moved for the appointment of Bright Arial to the Neighborhood Council, Councilman Milliken seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Councilman Mullinax announced that Ms. Arial previously served on the committee and welcomed her return.

History Commission: Mrs. Kellahan announced that the dedication and installation of the Simeon Pinckney Historic marker would be held on Saturday, February 10. More information closer to the date.

Proclamations/Resolutions:

Resolution #2017-17: Adoption of the Revised Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan: Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Milliken asked if the CCRHMP Committee routinely provide reports on the progress of the County’s Plan with data. Mrs. Kellahan responded that Mark Johnson and John Porcelli attends the annual meetings and the Council receives updates every five years for adoption. She said the multi-jurisdictional committee is the CCRHMP; she does not believe reports are distributed. Mr. Johnson said to his knowledge no reports are distributed. Councilman Milliken said there is a mechanism in the plan that citizens can complete questionnaires, make comments and requests. He noted he was unaware this existed until he read the Resolution. He said it could be useful to our citizens to have a link on our website with a description and they can participate in the process. There are a lot of issues about drainage and other matters and this may be a way to

have a larger body “with deeper pockets” address some of those issues. He would like to see the Town participate more in this process, not necessarily at the Town level, but with our citizen as well. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances up for Second Reading: None

Ordinances up for First Reading:

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Ordinance #2017-12: An Ordinance to Amend the Town of James Island Zoning and Land Development Regulations (ZLDR) §153.231 (A) Temporary Sales: Motion to approve was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax. Councilman Stokes asked and received clarification that the ordinance is only adding “not more than two (2) days”. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Executive Session: Not needed

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Frances Simmons  
Town Clerk